

MILITARY PENAL JURISDICTION

*Exchange of notes at Washington July 13, and August 10 and 29, 1919,
extending agreement of January 3 and 14, 1918*

Entered into force August 29, 1919

Expired in accordance with its terms

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The French Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1919

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

My Government has just advised me that owing to the delay to be foreseen in the departure of Allied troops and services from France, it deems it expedient to maintain in operation even after the treaty of peace is ratified the declarations relative to military penal jurisdiction.

It therefore wishes me to propose to the Federal Government simultaneously to publish at an early date a note to the effect that the two Governments concerned have agreed to maintain in full force and effect, until further notice, the Franco-American declaration of January 3/14, 1918.¹

I should be thankful to Your Excellency if you would kindly let me know at your earliest convenience how this proposal was received by the Federal Government.

Be pleased to accept [etc.]

JUSSERAND

The Secretary of State to the French Ambassador

WASHINGTON, August 10, 1919

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to your note of July 13, 1919, in which you state that your Government deems it expedient to maintain, even after the

¹ TS 630-A, *ante*, p. 891.

treaty of peace is ratified and until further notice, the Franco-American arrangement of January 3-14, 1918, relative to military penal jurisdiction.

I have the honor to inform you that such continuation appears desirable also to this Government, and to propose that this arrangement, after the conclusion of peace, continue to be recognized in full force and effect until 30 days after notice of its termination shall have been given by either Government.

Should this modification in regard to the termination of the aforesaid arrangement be acceptable to the Government of the French Republic, your formal notification in writing to that effect will be understood on the part of the Government of the United States as giving validity to the proposed modification, and I shall be glad to receive your assurance that it will be so understood also on the part of the Government of the French Republic.

Accept [etc.]

ROBERT LANSING

The French Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

WASHINGTON, *August 29, 1919*

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

My Government to which I did not fail to report the substance of your note of August 10, wishes me to inform Your Excellency that it accepts the solution proposed by you for the continuation of the Franco-American arrangement relative to military penal jurisdiction. The said arrangement will, therefore, continue in force after the conclusion of peace, but may be denounced by either contracting party upon a 30-day previous notice.

As requested by Your Excellency, this note, being an answer to yours of August 10, will of itself suffice to give validity to the above stated modification of the agreement of January 3-14, 1918.

Be pleased to accept [etc.]

JUSSERAND